

## **2015 LEVEL 4 (Year 5/Year 6) SPECIALIST INFORMATION**

### **Visual Arts – Mrs Christine Mulvany**

Students attend a fifty minute Visual Arts Lesson in the art room each week. They need to wear their own smock to protect their uniform when working in the art room. Their **name needs to be clearly visible on the front of the smock.**

In grade 5 & 6, students create artworks, incorporating the influence of others, as well as drawing on their past experiences. Their work responds to the class theme and exhibits skills in planning, creating, evaluating and refining. In Art appreciation, students will use appropriate language to describe their own and other people's works and they will discuss the purpose of the work in its historical and cultural context.

#### **Graduation tea-towels**

Students will create a graduation tea-towel which will incorporate a cartoon drawing from each Year 6 student. **Order forms are sent home early in Term 2. There is only one print run, so please return the order forms by the due date to avoid disappointment.**

The role of Visual Arts Specialist is being shared between Mrs Mulvany, who works Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mrs Reid, who works Wednesdays, and Fridays.

As grade 5 and 6 art classes fall on Mondays and Thursdays, Mrs Mulvany will be taking Visual Arts classes for all grade 5 and 6 students during 2015.

### **Vermont Primary School is a Sustainable School**

In 2006 the Vermont Primary School Sustainable Policy was written and passed by School Council. Since then we have been working on many initiatives to reduce our ecological and carbon footprint. We are a Gold level accredited "Water Learn – It – Live" School and were awarded the **City of Whitehorse Sustainable School Award in 2010.**

As parents you can support this program in a number of ways:

- Firstly please consider lunch packaging and avoid plastic wrap and pre-packed snacks. Try to use lunch boxes with snack compartments or reusable bags or snack boxes and please remember to label the lid and box.
- We also encourage students to drink plenty of water, particularly on hot days and we urge you to supply named, reusable water bottles that can be refilled at the taps, as this avoids wasting water at the bubbler taps.
- Help recycle useful material. The library houses a recycling centre for items such as: corks, stamps, round plastic take-away food containers, old cards, lace, buttons, elastic bands, mobile phones etc. If you have access to other interesting items that you feel could be used in Visual Art or Technology, please contact Mrs Chris Mulvany or Mrs Julie Reid. **Please do not just leave bags outside the art room, as storage space is limited.**

### **Tournament of Minds**

This year we will again be running the Tournament of Minds extension activities where children work in mixed aged groups to creatively solve challenges. In term one children in grades 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to attend an introductory session. In term 2 a T.O.M training squad will meet for further training before a final School team is selected. The school team will meet in school time to prepare for the regional championship that takes place in mid term 3. Further information will be distributed early in term 2 for those indicating an interest and aptitude for the training squad.

### **Performing Arts – Mr Travis Fraser**

The curriculum at Level 4 will cover the following aspects:

- Students will be involved in learning about drama. They will work towards creating their own commercial advertisements which will be filmed and feature in the School Movie/DVD

- Students will learn about various technologies and creating their own music using computer based programs
- Students will learn to critique different styles of music, commenting on various forms musical elements and styles such as melody, genre, dynamics, pitch, tempo, musical feel etc.
- There will be an increased use of guitars, drum kits and keyboards to recreate simplified pop songs and practice rhythm and timing.

This year's production will be a school movie. At Vermont Primary School we rotate each year between a school film and a stage production, so as to provide students with a greater variety of Performing Arts experiences.

A Music Soiree highlighting the musical talent of our students will be showcased in the stadium during Term 2. This event will feature the Orchestra, School Choir and also various solo acts.

### **Information and Communication Technology (ICT) – Mrs Julie Hall**

Students in grades 5 & 6 have a 50 minute dedicated session in the ICT lab each week where every student has access to their own computer and an extensive array of software, hardware and online resources. Where possible, ICT will be closely linked to the enquiry topic for each term as well as being integrated with the literacy and numeracy program.

Students will develop skills by using ICT for problem solving, expressing ideas and presenting information. ICT is utilised for visual thinking, creating and communicating. ICT tools will also be used to help students to plan and organise ideas to develop their thinking and communication skills.

Students will continue to use ICT tools to create and construct information products utilising Office applications such as PowerPoint and Excel, video and audio editing programs like Audacity, specialised multimedia software such as Newsmaker, as well as animation techniques through Stop Motion Pro.

Students are responsible for developing and maintaining their own files and folders on the school network, including security passwords and network file management. It is expected that these files are appropriately organised with correct naming and locations. Students are also able to engage these features at any time on the desktop or laptop computers in their classroom, via our school intranet and network wireless system.

Students will use ICT for email and internet research once the Internet User agreement has been discussed and signed. Families new to Vermont should have by now received a copy of the Internet Use Agreement. When you receive this, please discuss it with your son/daughter and when signed, return it promptly to your class teacher.

Staying 'safe' on the Internet is extremely important and the students will participate in cybersafety activities throughout the year.

ICT is a dynamic and ever changing area and I look forward to working with your child to assist them to become safe, creative and efficient users of information and communication technologies.

### **2015 Indonesian LOTE Teaching Program - Bu Smith (Mrs Smith)**

***Selamat datang*** welcome to Bahasa Indonesia lessons. Many Foundation students are learning Indonesian for the first time and I wish them all a warm welcome to their Indonesian classes. ***Selamat belajar*** enjoy your studies.

At Vermont Primary School we teach the Indonesian language to all children from Prep through to Year 6. The students are immersed in the Indonesian language and culture through a range of activities, including listening, speaking, singing, dancing, reading and writing.

Learning a language fosters students' ability to think and reflect, develop mental flexibility and problem solving strategies. It offers students the opportunity and the ability to develop interpersonal skills and to practise higher order thinking skills in a meaningful context.

This classroom is located next to the Music Room in the Old School Building.

Students in Grades 5 and 6 attend Bahasa Indonesian lessons once a week in the Specialist LOTE classroom. Students are required to bring their own pencil cases with pencils to each lesson. The students will be learning about greetings, personal information, colours, numbers 1 to 100, days of the week, months of the year, clothing, body parts, feelings, Oral presentation on Personal details, telling the time, school in Indonesia, Sports and Hobbies, Bukit Lawang/ The Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in Sumatra. The students will develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills focusing on the language concepts studied in each theme. Students will participate in songs, dance and various games.

### **Physical Education Level 4 – Mr Clinton Walsh**

#### **Physical Education – Curriculum**

At Level 4, students are encouraged to use strategic thinking, communication and cooperation to enhance performance and participation in order to improve game performance. Students begin to set personal goals to improve performance by reflecting on their skill development needs and explore strategies to achieve them.

#### **Sport Education - Level 4 Sport**

In addition to Physical Education, Level 4 students will also participate in a weekly 50 minute session of Sport Education. Sport Education will focus on the development of sport skills and provide students with an understanding of rules, strategies and tactics of various sports and an appreciation of codes of behaviour. Level 4 Sport will be held every Friday from 2.40pm – 3.30pm.

#### **Nunawading District Interschool Winter and Summer Sport**

This year Level 4 students will participate in the Nunawading District Interschool Sport program. Interschool Winter Sport will be held during Term 2 and Interschool Summer Sport will be played during Term 3. The sports available are AFL, Basketball, Bat Tennis, Cricket, Netball, Rounders, Softball, T-Ball, Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball. A full day round robin tournament will be the format for the Interschool Sport program.

#### **School Sport Victoria Competition Pathway and Progressions**

School Sport Victoria provides a competition pathway for member schools and individuals from member schools to participate in a competition structure that has a defined pathway across Victoria.

For Vermont Primary School, the Competition Pathway is:

District (Nunawading) → Division (Whitehorse) → Region (Eastern) → State (Victoria)

Progression through the SSV Competition Pathway applies to our school Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals and our Level 4 Interschool Winter and Summer Sport program. School Teams and individuals must compete at each level of competition to reach the State Championships.

#### **Team VIC State Teams**

Each year, talented Victorian school students have the opportunity to trial for a place in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic state team and participate in annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships. Sixty two teams are selected across twenty sports, involving over nine hundred primary and secondary school students representing 'Team Vic'.

The Team VIC primary school sports include [Australian Football](#), [Basketball](#), [Cricket](#), [Cross Country](#), [Diving](#), [Football \(Soccer\)](#), [Golf](#), [Hockey](#), [Netball](#), [Rugby League](#), [Softball](#), [Swimming](#), [Tennis](#), [Touch](#) and [Track and Field](#). Please contact me for information regarding the nomination process.

### **2015 Sports Calendar**

- House Athletics – Bill Sewart Reserve – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am – 3.30pm
- House Cross Country – Vermont PS – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am – 10.40am
- Swimming Program – Grade 5 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- Swimming Program – Grade 6 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Interschool Winter and Summer Sport – (TBC)